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GOVERNOR'S CITIZEN CORPS HOSTS RACE FOR LIFE
Event to Raise Awareness for Emergency Preparedness

Raleigh - Citizen Corps will raise awareness about disaster and emergency preparedness at North Carolina's first Race For Life awareness campaign today through Saturday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to midnight, at the Speed Street Festival in Charlotte.

"Citizen Corps volunteers help make our communities safer and better prepared for disasters and emergencies," Gov. Mike Easley said. "The Race for Life campaign will provide thousands of North Carolinians with the information they need to be ready in the event that a disaster or emergency occurs."

Citizen Corps is partnering with Save-A-Life Foundation, Nextel and NASCAR to sponsor Race For Life. At the event, Citizen Corps volunteers will provide information about the importance of having disaster supply kits as well as developing family preparedness plans. In addition, Citizen Corps volunteers will give people an opportunity to register to volunteer in their local communities.

Citizen Corps, a national volunteer program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is housed in the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. Citizen Corps coordinates volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. The programs build on the efforts that are in place in communities to prevent crime, prepare for disasters and respond to emergencies. Citizen Corps programs include: Community Emergency Response Teams, Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service, and Medical Reserve Corps. Currently, 34 counties and 23 cities in North Carolina have Citizen Corps programs.

For more information about Citizen Corps in North Carolina, visit www.volunteernc.org.